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UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION No. 09/990,965 Amendment Dated 1/31/2006

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Examiner Lee:

Attached, please find a responsive amendment to the Office Action dated November 1, 2005 for United States Patent Application 09/990,965 filed 11/21/2001 in the name of Xiang LIU et al.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thank you very much.

Jeffery J. Brosemer, Ph.D.

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Amendment and Response After Final Rejection Under 37 CFR § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of November 01, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows without prejudice:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper